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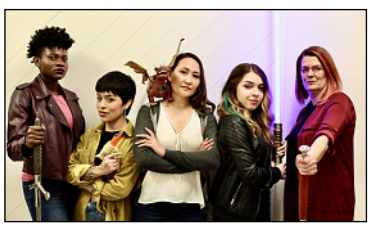

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'THIS IS CRAZY, IT CAN'T BE TRUE'

NBA suspends rest of season

Sports world taking drastic action in response to coronavirus outbreak

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The escalating world health crisis rocked the sports world Wednesday as the NBA suspended its season when one of its players tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Utah Jazz and the Oklahoma City Thunder were about to begin their game in Oklahoma City when the test results on Utah center Rudy Gobert became known.

The teams were told to return to their locker rooms, and the crowd was told the game was postponed "due to unforeseen circumstances."

In a statement, the NBA said it was suspending the season "until further notice. The NBA will use this hiatus to determine next steps for moving forward in regard to the coronavirus pandemic."

According to ESPN, Gobert was never at the arena, but he was in Oklahoma City and ready to play if he'd tested negative for coronavirus.

Players from teams the Jazz have played within the last 10 days are being told to self-quarantine, ESPN reported.

Those teams are the Cleveland Cavaliers, New York Knicks, Boston Celtics, Detroit Pistons and

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Fans celebrate at the Chase Center in San Francisco during a Jan. 16 Warriors-Nuggets NBA basketball game.

SOME AIRPORT WORKERS 'ANXIOUS'

Three San Jose TSA agents test positive for coronavirus

KARL MONDON — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Transportation Security Administration officer screens passengers at Mineta San Jose International Airport on Wednesday. The TSA announced late Tuesday that three of its officers have tested positive for coronavirus and are receiving medical care.

Employees worked at Terminal B during the night shift, a union official said

By Jason Green, Fiona Kelliher and John Woolfolk
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SAN JOSE » Three Transportation Security Administration officers at Mineta San Jose International Airport have tested positive for COVID-19, prompting the quarantining of 42 workers and cleaning procedures. But TSA has so far declined to reveal any information about what those workers did at the airport — and therefore what kind of risk there was to the traveling public.

According to a statement from the agency late Tuesday, the officers who tested positive are receiving medical care and all TSA employees they have come into contact with over the past 14 days are quarantined at home.

"Screening checkpoints remain open and the agency is working with the CDC, as well as the California Department of Public Health and the Santa Clara County Public Health De-

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Feds urging stricter limits on gatherings

Measures would screen workers, ban activities of more than 250

By Rick Hurd, John Woolfolk and Maggie Angst
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As health officials declared the rapidly spreading coronavirus infections a pandemic Wednesday, the White House recommended new preventive measures for Santa Clara County that would further limit public activity in an area with some of the country's highest numbers of infections.

The measures would prohibit gatherings of more than 250 people — significantly stricter than the county's current limit of more than 1,000 — instruct businesses to let employees work from home, and require them to do daily health screenings of those who come to the office.

But county officials, who have been unusually aggressive so far in their efforts to control the spread of a virus that has sickened more than 118,000 and killed more than 4,200 around the world, balked at some of the recommendations. They declined to incorporate them into a current legal order banning large gatherings, and one official late Wednesday said the recommendation for health screenings may not be feasible.

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"I don't think we understand the full economic impact yet, but I fear it will be very significant."

— Matthew Mahood, president and CEO of the region's largest chamber of commerce

LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO REACH VOTERS

Virus concerns may force a change to campaigning

Candidates could curtail large rallies, fundraisers, door-knocking

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President Donald Trump's bombastic rallies, which fill red-state stadiums with sign-waving, cheering fans, helped pave his path to the White House. And Sen. Bernie Sanders has energized his base of young supporters with his own massive gatherings where he rails against the power of the ultra-rich.

But with coronavirus spreading around the country and the number of cases topping 1,000 and rising at startling rates, one of the presidential campaigns' key tools for motivating voters may be off the table for the immediate future.

"Nothing can replace the energy you get from a rally," said Ben LaBolt, a Democratic strategist in San Francisco and a spokesman for President Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign. "But part of working on a campaign is preparing to be overtaken by events,

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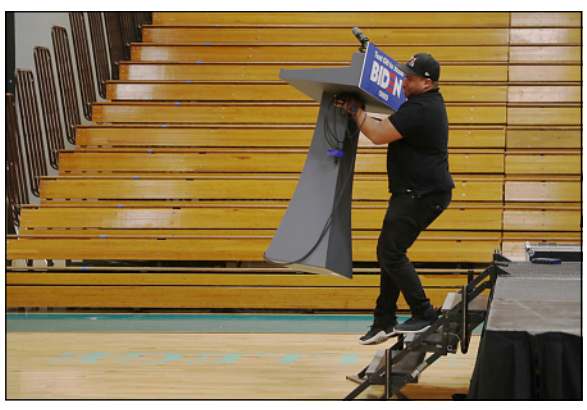

A podium that had been set up for Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden is carried away after his primary night rally was canceled in Cleveland, Ohio.

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